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Mr. Allison interviewed Dr. Raj Dagan (?) a political exile from Iran; they discussed land reform in Iran, and the following was heard, in part:

DAGAN: "...And then in 1941 was the beginning of his free lance land distribution that has been going on with speed so far, and 1952 the national Premier of Iran, Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh, got all these lands back from the Shah and transferred them to government for second redistribution. And Shah, as soon as Mossadegh was overthrown--of course you remember the story of overthrow of Mossadegh--

ALLISON: "He was the crier."

DAGAN: "He was what?"

ALLISON: "He cried--he wept."

DAGAN: "The Shah?"

ALLISON: "No, Mossadegh."

DAGAN: "Yes, that is of course he cried a couple of times--he was a very emotional man."

ALLISON: "He was a good man, though for you?"

DAGAN: "So far, even among his enemies, nobody has doubted his sincerity and his honesty, and--"

ALLISON: "Why was he overthrown?"

DAGAN: "He was overthrown because he did not want the Shah to rule. He said a King in a country should reign, according to our constitution, not rule. And then he also nationalized oil, which was being plundered by British for over 50 years. He got it back and nationalized oil. Of course that big controversy over oil, and the oil dispute which took the front page of practically all the press throughout the world went on for almost three years. And finally when the United Nations had voted for us--I mean they had tabled the matter so that the International Court of Justice at the Hague would vote whether it had jurisdiction over the case or not. So everything was turning in favor of Mossadegh, a plot made by British foreign office and financed by your CIA, with Mr. Allen Dulles, who personally had some interest in oil; Mossadegh was overthrown. Of course I did not come here to tell this, because this has been said repeatedly in different ways by different people,